Electrification of villages

†2743. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 986 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13 July, 2009 and state:

(a) the number of villages supplied with power by the State Governments out of 62,520 villages electrified upto 30 June. 2009;

(b) the number of villages to be electrified in the first phase of Eleventh Plan; and

(c) the number of remaining villages left for electrification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY), electrification works in 62,520 un/de-electrified villages comprising 58,745 villages of X Plan and 3,775 villages of XI Plan have been completed as on 30.06.2009 by the State Power Utilities and Central Public Sector Undertakings. Out of 62,520 villages, 44,273 villages have been energized as on 30.06.2009. Power supply to the villages is under domain of State Governments.

(b) 1,18,499 un/de-electrified villages comprising 68,763 villages of X Plan and 49,736 villages of XI Plan have been covered in the sanctioned projects under RGGVY.

(c) As on 30.11.2009, electrification in 67,080 un/de-electrified villages comprising of 60,499 villages of X Plan and 6,581 villages of XI Plan have been completed. Remaining 51,419 villages comprising of 8,264 villages of X Plan and 43,155 villages of XI Plan are left for electrification.

Dishonoring of contract with NTPC by RIL

2744. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL's) dishonoring of the contract with NTPC has caused a loss of around Rs.30.000 crores to NTPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the actual loss incurred by NTPC till date as a result thereof; and

(d) the manner in which Government proposes to recover the losses from RIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) The tariff of NTPC projects is determined by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC). As per the Regulation for fixing the Tariff under the Electricity Act 2003, there is no loss to NTPC on account of fuel cost as the fuel cost is a pass-through to beneficiaries. However, to protect the long term interests of its customers NTPC always strives to source fuel at the most competitive price.

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